Secret research to be limited by faculty?

In its meetings this fall the faculty Advisory Committee on Policy will consider establishing rules and procedures governing faculty members' outside research on behalf of the CIA or similar agencies, according to Dean of the Faculty Aaron Lemonick. The decision to place the issue on the committee's agenda was made last spring, he added, before recent CIA disclosures revealed two unidentified Princeton employees' connection with the agency's human behavior research in the 1950s.

The current Rules and Procedures of the Faculty includes several stipulations about faculty members' outside professional activities: the amount of time they may spend on such projects, for example, and regulations having to do with the University's patent policy. There is at present no limitation on the organizations or agencies for which a faculty member may do research or consulting work. "The question," says Lemonick, "is 'Should there be?'"

If, after reviewing the rules, the Advisory Committee on Policy finds any changes necessary, its recommendations will be brought for consideration before the whole faculty.